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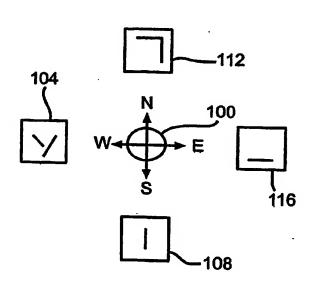
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(57) Abstract: A system and a method for text entry is disclosed. Each may be practiced using a single finger or thumb to create, select and enter characters or character sequences. The invention may be broadly applicable to the entry of a text object or a text string which may be created or received, stored, edited or transmitted by a personal appliance having a limited user interface, such as a reduced keypad or no keypad. The invention may be particularly useful in conjunction with an ideographic language.